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SUMMARY. SEVERAL RECENT STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES BY GISCARD AND HIS COLLEAGUES REPRESENT A CLEAR, DELIBERATE GESTURE TOWARD THE GAULLIST WING OF THE PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDENTIAL

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MAJORITY. WHILE THESE MOVES MAY REFLECT GISCARD'S TRUE

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APPRECIATION OF FRANCE'S NATIONAL INTERESTS, THEY ALSO RESPOND TO SOME IMPORTANT INTERNAL POLITICAL NEEDS AT THIS TIME. THE TIMING INDICATES GISCARD MAY ALSO BE ATTEMPTING TO STRENGTHEN HIS DOMESTIC SUPPORT IN ANTICIPATION OF UPCOMING SUMMIT MEETINGS WITH THE US, USSR AND HIS EC PARTNERS. END SUMMARY.

1. OVER THE PAST WEEK THERE HAS BEEN A MARKED EMPHASIS IN GISCARD'S PRONOUNCEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES ON A THEME DEAR TO THE GAULLISTS -- "NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE." THESE HAVE INCLUDED A 24-HOUR VISIT ON BOARD THE NUCLEAR SUBMARINE "LE TERRIBLE"; A VISIT TO COLOMBEY-LES-DEUX-EGLISES TO COMMEMORATE THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF DE GAULLE'S DEATH; A PUBLIC CONDEMNATION OF GENERAL STEHLIN'S ADVERSE COMMENTS ABOUT THE FRENCH AERONAUTICS INDUSTRY (PARIS 26597); AND VARIOUS PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH STRESSED THE INDEPENDENCE, GRANDEUR AND DIGNITY OF FRANCE.

2. OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HAVE TAKEN UP THE RENEWED GAULLIST LEITMOTIV IN THE PAST WEEK AS WELL. IN HIS NOVEMBER 6 NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPEECH, FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES REFERRED IN FLATTERING TERMS TO THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF BOTH DE GAULLE AND POMPIDOU, AND STAUNCHLY DEFENDED THEIR MIDEAST POLICIES. EXPLAINING THE 1975 DEFENSE BUDGET TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY, DEFENSE MINISTER SOUFFLET STRESSED THE CONTINUITY OF FRANCE'S MILITARY POLICY FROM THE OLD ADMINISTRATION TO THE NEW, AND THEN DECLARED FRANCE'S APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT COUPLED WITH HER DISTRUST OF BILATERAL "SUPERPOWER" NEGOTIATIONS WHICH INEVITABLY INVOLVE EUROPEAN DEFENSE.

3. THE UDR HAS REACTED TO THESE PRONOUNCEMENTS WITH EXPECTED UNDISGUISED PLEASURE. UDR SECRETARY GENERAL SANGUINETTI CALLED GISCARD "THE CONTINUATOR OF GENERAL DE GAULLE'S ACTION IN SPITE OF APPARENT CHANGES." SANGUINETTI ALSO TOOK PARTICULAR NOTE OF GISCARD'S PILGRIMAGE TO COLOMBEY, TERMING IT "AN IMPORTANT AND MOVING HOMAGE."
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4. COMMENT. THE PUBLIC EMPHASIS ON THE GAULLIST HERIT-
AGE MAY VERY WELL REPRESENT GISCARD'S TRUE APPRECIATION
OF FRANCE'S BEST INTERESTS AS HE COMPLETES SIX MONTHS
IN OFFICE. ONGOING EMBASSY ANALYSIS OF FRANCE'S FOREIGN
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AND DEFENSE POLICIES WILL COMPARE ACTIONS WITH WORDS. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE STATEMENTS AND ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED ABOVE WERE CERTAINLY TIMELY IN THE CONTEXT OF GISCARD'S INTERNAL POLITICAL IMPERATIVES AT THIS JUNCTURE. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT FOR GISCARD TO SHORE UP THE UDR PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY AS ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS BEGIN TO BITE AND THE MOOD OF THE POPULACE GROWS INCREASINGLY UNEASY. THE LABOR UNREST IN RECENT WEEKS--INCLUDING POSTAL STRIKE WHICH BEGAN AS A WILDCAT MOVEMENT -- HAS PROBABLY PUSHED GISCARD IN THIS DIRECTION BECAUSE WORKING CLASS REACTIONS TO HIS ECONOMIC MEASURES ARE NOT AS PREDICTABLE AS WAS PREVIOUSLY THOUGHT. FINALLY, GISCARD'S HIGHLY VISIBLE DECLARATIONS OF FRANCE'S INDEPENDENCE MAY WELL REPRESENT AN EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN HIS DOMESTIC POLITICAL POSITION IN PREPARATION FOR HIS MEETINGS WITH BREZHNEV AND PRESIDENT FORD AS WELL AS FOR THE PROPOSED EC SUMMIT -- ALL WITHIN THE NEXT FIVE WEEKS.
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